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SUBJECT:LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER
SILVEIRA:

2. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR ANTONIO: I HAVE WAITED TO SEE
WHETHER I COULD ADHERE TO THE MID-FEBRUARY SCHEDULE
I HAD PROPOSED TO YOU FOR MY SOUTH AMERICAN TRIP. I
NOW FIND THAT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST WILL
NOT ALLOW THE CONSECUTIVE TIME I NEED FOR THE VISIT,
PARTICULARLY THE THREE TO FOUR DAYS WHICH NANCY AND I
WANT TO SPEND IN BRAZIL. I AM RELUCTANTLY POSTPONING
THE TRIP UNTIL THE SPRING AND HASTEN TO WRITE YOU TO
EXPRESS MY REGRETS. WOULD YOU ALSO PLEASE TELL
PRESIDENT GEISEL THAT I APPRECIATE THE TIME HE HAD
SET ASIDE ON FEBRUARY 20 TO RECEIVE ME. I HOPE THIS
CHANGE IN PLANS WILL NOT INCONVENIENCE HIM OR YOU.

3. MY TARGET NOW IS THE END OF MARCH OR EARLY APRIL
IF THIS IS CONVENIENT. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR
LETTING ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THAT
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TIMING.

4. NANCY SHARES MY DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT IN NOT BEING ABLE
TO VISIT BRAZIL AS WE HAD PLANNED. SHE JOINS ME IN
SENDING YOU AND MAY OUR WARMEST REGARDS. HENRY. END TEXT.

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